McKay John D Form 4 October 12, 2010

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading McKay John D Issuer Symbol COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP (Check all applicable) /NEW [COST] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 999 LAKE DRIVE 10/08/2010 **Executive Vice President** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 Person (City) (State) (7:m)

(City)	(State) (	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitin(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/08/2010		Code V M	Amount 22,500	(D)	Price \$ 39.25	65,320	D	
Common Stock	10/08/2010		M	15,000	A	\$ 38.79	80,320	D	
Common Stock	10/08/2010		S	37,500	D	<u>(1)</u>	42,820	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 39.25	10/08/2010		M		22,500	04/02/2002	04/02/2012	Common Stock	22,500
Stock Option	\$ 38.79	10/08/2010		M		15,000	04/02/2002	04/02/2012	Common Stock	15,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McKay John D 999 LAKE DRIVE ISSAQUAH, WA 98027

**Executive Vice President** 

# **Signatures**

Deanna K. Nakashima, attorney-in-fact

10/12/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations, See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Shares sold as follows: 2400 @ 64.1600 1000 @ 64.1700 200 @ 64.1800 300 @ 64.1900 1563 @ 64.2000 937 @ 64.2100 100 @ 64.2200 100 @ 64.2300 500 @ 64.3101 1181 @ 64.3500 1900 @ 64.3600 500 @ 64.3700 100 @ 64.3800 702 @ 64.3900 2112 @

(1) 64.4000 1799 @ 64.4100 1099 @ 64.4200 299 @ 64.4400 2300 @ 64.4700 600 @ 64.4800 200 @ 64.4900 1000 @ 64.5000 1700 @ 64.5100 6630 @ 64.5300 1000 @ 64.5301 200 @ 64.5400 700 @ 64.5500 808 @ 64.5600 100 @ 64.5800 1000 @ 64.5900 170 @ 64.6000 300 @ 64.6100 600 @ 64.6400 2400 @ 64.7000 1000 @ 64.7100

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